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REFRIGERATION DEVICE, AND

REFRIGERATION DEVICE

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Sir:

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 55-164480 appears to disclose a non-condensing gas extraction device for a turbo refrigerator.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 01-109761 appears to disclose a heat pump having a bypass circuit and a non-condensing gas discharge valve.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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